

REMARKS


By this Amendment, applicants have canceled claims 1-4, 6, and 8-15 without prejudice to applicants' right to present claims to this subject matter in an application claiming benefit of the subject application. Applicants have also amended claims 5 and 7 to place them in condition for allowance as discussed more fully below. Applicants submit that the amendments above do not represent new matter. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 5, 7 and 16-19 will be pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in the March 8, 2005 Office Action that claims 16-19 were allowable and the subject matter of claims 6 and 7 were allowable if re-written so as not to depend from a rejected claim. In response, applicants have canceled claims 1-4, 6, and 8-15 without prejudice. Claim 5 was amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 6 into an independent claim and claim 7 was amended to depend from claim 5. Applicants respectfully note that with the entry of these amendments, the objections to claims 6 and 7 are overcome and the rejections of claims 1-5 and 8-15 are rendered moot. Applicants make these amendments without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's arguments, but merely as a means to move this application to allowance.

In view of the amendments to the claims, applicants submit that the subject application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application.

If the undersigned can be of assistance in advancing the application, please contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

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